

HOWARD COUNTY ALCOHOL & DRUG ABUSE ADVISORY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 18, 2015

IN ATTENDANCE: Joan Webb Scornaienchi, Rick Bergin, Meredith Beach, Katie Turner, Robert Ehrhardt, Meghan Skaggs, Mark Donovan, Linda Zumbrun, Roe Rodgers Bonaccorsy, Carol Robinson, Bruce MacDonald, Tim Madden, Judge William Tucker, Kassy Hargadon-Zester, Jack Kavanagh, Chinwe Adetula, Carol Swec

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS: The meeting was called to order at 5:15 pm. Joan welcomed the board and guests.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The March 18, 2015 agenda was approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The February 18, 2015 minutes were approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

HC DRUGFREE/HOWARD COUNTY ALCOHOL COALITION/OPIOID MISUSE PREVENTION

COALITION UPDATE: Update provided by Joan

The County Executive and County Council declared March 2015 as *HC DrugFree Youth Alcohol and Drug Abuse Month*. Judge Tucker and Joan accepted the proclamation at the March 2 Council Meeting.

HC DrugFree's next *Teen2Teen* program will be held at Atholton High School on Wednesday, March 25 at 7:00 PM. Mark Donovan will be the treatment provider available to respond to questions. Bruce offered to recruit youth speakers.

As part of the *Be a Parent, Not a Friend...Don't make alcohol available to teens* campaign, HC DrugFree will hold their annual *Senior Week: Staying Safe in Ocean City* program on April 7 at River Hill High School and April 27 at Mt. Hebron High School. Both events begin at 7:00 PM. The original March program was postponed because of the weather. OC Police and OC Beach Patrol will present the programs.

Also, as part of the *Be a Parent, Not a Friend...Don't make alcohol available to teens* campaign efforts to provide parents with videos of local experts discussing drugs/alcohol in the community and schools, legal issues, insurance costs, etc., HC DrugFree launched a new website capable of holding the necessary technology. Visit www.hcdrugfree.org. The formal launching is expected after spring break.

Joan met with the Howard County Police to plan the next Howard County Drug Take Back Day scheduled for Saturday, April 11 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Again, this spring, HCPD will staff 9 locations including HC DrugFree's office in the Wilde Lake Village Center.

The County's Opioid Grant coordinated by HC DrugFree will pay for Police overtime on April 11 to collect prescription and over-the-counter meds at the 9 locations as well as pay the advertising and supplies needed for Take Back Day. The grant will also pay for 4 permanent medication collection boxes. Joan showed members the paid ad that appeared in the Columbia Flier and Howard County Times to advertise the State's recent Opioid survey. Once Howard County receives the survey results from the State, the grant will pay for a County-wide media campaign. Joan has a meeting in Germantown later in the week to hear more about what Howard County has to complete before June 30.

Dr. Wilson Compton, Deputy Director of the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) agreed to present on Opioid misuse at the May 20 ADAAB meeting. At his request, Joan also invited Dr. Joshua Sharfstein to provide a state-level update at the May meeting. Joan will forward invitations to the ex-officio members of ADAAB.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT UPDATE: Update provided by Roe

The Bureau of Behavioral, Howard County Health Department are continuing their efforts on the Overdose Response Program (ORP) training. The FY15 goal is to train/certify 400 people for naloxone administration for someone overdosing on an opiate. To date in FY15, 148 people have been trained/certified. We hope to reach our goal. We have 9 upcoming trainings: March 19, 2015 at Howard House, March 23, 2015 at Howard County Health Department (2), April 2 at Living In Recovery, April 6 at On Our Own, April 13 at the Howard County Detention Center April 27 at Howard County Health Department, May 11 at the Howard County Detention Center, May 18 at Howard County Health Department.

The Bureau of Behavioral, Howard County Health Department submitted the FY16 Budgets (5) to the Behavioral Health Administration. A conference call with Behavioral Health Administration was conducted with limited details to correct and resubmit.

The Bureau of Behavioral, Howard County Health Department continues to work toward gaining program accreditation. The process is expensive, time consuming, and takes staff away from patient care and billable hours but we are pushing the effort forward as we can.

OTHER UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Powdered Caffeine and Powdered Alcohol were discussed. Powdered alcohol is not available yet, but powdered caffeine is being sold on the internet and has caused a few deaths.

Mark discussed dabs, a concentrated form of THC that is about 70-90% pure. It looks similar to crack cocaine and may trigger psychosis (especially in youth ages 13-25 years).

ADAAB would like to consider having Grassroots provide a presentation on their Mobile Crisis Team/Hotline in a future meeting to learn more about their services.

NEW BUSINESS:

A 17 year old HC DrugFree Teen Advisory Council member went to 12 liquor stores with the Howard County Liquor Inspector to determine which stores would sell to a minor. Two (2) liquor stores sold alcohol to the boy. One asked for identification and although his driver's license stated he was 17, the clerk sold to the boy. One store never requested an ID. Next time, HC DrugFree plans to have a teen stand outside of liquor store and ask an adult to buy for them.

Joan was asked to serve as an advisor to a business man planning to submit an application for a license to open of a medical marijuana dispensary in Howard County. She asked ADAAB if they wanted the person to attend a meeting to discuss his plans to grow marijuana in another county in Maryland and open a marijuana medical dispensary in Howard County. Members asked for him not to attend the April meeting so they had time to discuss the level of support for dispensaries by the ex-officio members they represent.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The next ADAAB meeting will be April 15, 2015 in the Executive Conference Room at the Health Department's 8930 Stanford Blvd location at 5:15 p.m.